



Take I-75 North to exit 269 (Barrett Parkway); at the light turn West onto Barrett Parkway. Travel down Barrett Parkway for approximately three miles, turn left at the light, onto Old Hwy 41. Turn right at your next light, which is Stilesboro Rd. The visitor center and parking area will be immediately on your left.

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# Parks as Classrooms



## @ Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

\*a how-to guide to  
learning at the Battlefield



# Welcome to learning at the Mountain!

You are encouraged to bring your students and youth organizations to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park for a unique learning experience. The site provides visitors with a blend of cultural and natural history, which may be explored with or without guided instruction. Planning to stop in the Visitor Center? Here you may view the park's 20-minute film and also see actual Civil War artifacts in the museum. Want to see Civil War-era earthworks? Want to know what an earthwork is? Go by Cheatham Hill, the location of some of the South's largest collection of original earthworks and where the battle's heaviest fighting took place in 1864. You can rough it by discovering some of the park's 2,888 acres using our 16 miles of hiking trails or take it easy and travel by automobile.



Museum at Kennesaw Mountain NBP

## Planning Your Visit

**What's great about Kennesaw Mountain?** The chance to learn about history where it actually happened! Kennesaw Mountain NBP is a wonderful balance of natural and cultural history.

Reservations forms must be submitted by at least **two weeks** in advance of your visit. Forms found on our website at [www.nps.gov/kemo](http://www.nps.gov/kemo). Phone reservations are not accepted. Be aware that your first choice of dates may be unavailable; please have **at least two alternative dates** in mind for your visit. You can search for open dates online at [www.my.calendars.net/kemoschoolvisits](http://www.my.calendars.net/kemoschoolvisits). We also require that groups be

no larger than **50** students. This number does not include teachers and chaperones.



## Guided Interpretive Program Packages

**\*Guided interpretive programs are available to groups on Mondays & Tuesdays only.\*** Advanced registration is required for all programs. All guided programs are also subject to staff availability. You may choose only one guided program for your visit.

When choosing a program keep in mind the level of knowledge your students already have. It is suggested that students come with some working knowledge of the Civil War. The programs are intended to supplement, not replace, traditional classroom study.

Guided Programs	Grade Level	Program Length	Program Synopsis
Common Soldier Life	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade and up	25 minutes	Costumed interpreters explain what life was like for the average Civil War soldier.  Meets GA state curriculum for 5 <sup>th</sup> grade United State History since 1860 (SS5H1 c & e, SS5CG1); 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Georgia studies (SS8H6 b).
A Kid's Life in Atlanta	4 <sup>th</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup>	45 minutes	Based on the diary of Carrie Berry, a real 10-year old girl who lived through the Battle of Atlanta during the Civil War.  Meets GA state curriculum for 5 <sup>th</sup> grade United State History since 1860 (SS5H1 c & e); 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Georgia Studies (SS8H6 b).

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Museum “Touch Stuff” program	4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>	<p>This program requires <i>at least</i> 2 hours minimum.</p> <p>Limit of 25 students.</p>	<p>Students learn Civil War history by “touching” historic artifacts: they will act as museum curators, learning to describe objects, inspect and clean them, and handle them just as the professionals do. Students will leave the program understanding what museums are and that the objects in them are history they can see! Includes a museum tour.</p> <p>Meets GA state curriculum for 5<sup>th</sup> grade United State History since 1860 (SS5H1 c &amp; e, SS5CG1) and Reading (ELA5R1 b, c, d, g&amp; h); 8<sup>th</sup> grade Georgia studies (SS8H6 b).</p>
A Walk with History	4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	<p>1 hour 30 minutes</p> <p>Limit of 25 students</p>	<p>Kids are led on a guided hike with interpretation of historic artifacts found along the 1 mile trail to the top of Kennesaw Mountain. Interpreters explain the use of the mountain during the Civil War and its relevance to history today.</p> <p>Meets GA state curriculum for 5<sup>th</sup> grade United State History since 1860 (SS5H1 c &amp; e, SS5G1); 8<sup>th</sup> grade Georgia studies (SS8H6).</p>

### Self-Guided Program Packages

If you are unable to participate in the guided tours, you may enjoy the park on your own. This does, however, still require reservations.

Self-guided packages do not include guided interpretive programs. However, the park film, museum, hiking trails and picnic areas are still available to you. In order to enhance students’ visit, they may participate in the park’s **historic scavenger hunt program**. Guided package visits may also choose the hunt as well. The hunt encourages students to interact with rangers and other park staff and takes them through the museum and Visitor Center, promoting listening and reading skills.

Visit Recommendations Visiting groups are restricted to no more than 50 students per day. Staffing does not allow us to adequately administer programs any longer to larger groups. However, we understand that such a recommendation is difficult for most schools. We suggest that schools with large groups consider dividing your visit with us into multiple days in order to stay within group size restrictions. further arrangements will need to be made, such as forming smaller groups and rotating students through programs.

**Why leave the park for lunch?** You may have lunch in our picnic area during your visit.

- Be aware that the area is not available for reservation but is “first come, first served.”
- Even if you are planning to “have lunch only,” you **still** need to make reservations to visit. This does not reserve the picnic area for you, but, for safety purposes, makes us aware that your group is in the park.



**Decide prior to your visit if students will be allowed to purchase souvenirs from the gift shop.**

- If students are allowed to make purchases, we suggest sending groups of 10 at a time into the gift shop, accompanied by an adult. This is respectful of other visitors and keeps noise levels down.
- All students should be accompanied by an adult when in the Visitor Center & gift shop.
- We reserve the right to send a group out of the building if their behavior is unruly or if they are not accompanied by an adult.

### **Now an Information Recap...**

Reservations are made by completing a reservation forms. The forms are available online at [www.nps.gov/kemo](http://www.nps.gov/kemo) in .pdf format. **Phone reservations are not accepted.** Remember to have *two dates* in mind for your visit and check to make sure your dates are available at [www.my.calendars.net/kemoschoolvisits](http://www.my.calendars.net/kemoschoolvisits). Remember that we can accommodate only 50 students per group. If you have a larger group, please consider visiting us multiple days in order to stay within group size restrictions.

Guided programs are available only on Mondays and Tuesdays and are subject to staff availability. Packages are for Monday-Friday groups **only**;

weekend groups are not included. Two types of program packages are available: guided interpretive and self-guided program packages.

Self-guided packages may include:

- 20-minute park film
- touring museum on your own
- 1-mile hike up Big Kennesaw mountain
- 1 1/3 mile hike on environmental trail (level terrain)
- historic scavenger hunt program
- use of picnic area

Guided packages may include:

- choice of one guided program
- 20-minute park film
- touring museum on your own
- 1-mile hike up Big Kennesaw mountain (self-guided)
- 1 1/3 mile hike on environmental trail (self-guided)
- historic scavenger hunt program
- use of picnic area

Use of any area of battlefield grounds requires reservations with park staff. All reservations must be made two weeks in advance; there is no exception to this rule. **No reservations will be accepted with one weeks notice.** All reservations will receive confirmation letters via email or U.S. mail.